GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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VESSELS TRAFFIC SYSTEM AND RO- RO TERMINAL PROJECT
Pathak Shri Harin

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to establish Vessels Traffic System in Gulf of Kutch to regulate the shipping traffic;

(b) if so, the details thereof and furnish action taken in this regard alongwith the time-frame fixed for;

(c) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from State Government of Gujarat regarding the environmentally sound Ro-Ro terminal project in Gulf of Cambay; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and reaction of Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The project consists of Civil Engineering work and installation of VTS equipment. It comprises establishment of one Master Control Centre at Kandla, nine Radar Stations spread over entire Gulf of Kutch, six Port Monitor stations, two Radio Direction finders Meteorological and Hydrological Sensors and associated microwave link. The Civil Engineering work consists of construction of ten 60 meter, one 50 meter and two 30 meter high RCC towers, one Master Control Centre building and other ancillary buildings. The Civil Engineering work is spread over 17 sites. The project is likely to be completed by October, 2008.

(c): Yes, Sir. A proposal from Gujarat Infrastructure Development Board for viability gap funding for RoRo Ferry Service in Gujarat was received by Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs, in August, 2006.

(d): Government of Gujarat has requested for grant of Rs.50 crores under the viability gap funding scheme. The ferry terminals were to be built by a private party who would also operate the ferry service on a monopoly basis. The proposal was considered by the Empowered Institution and it was pointed out that Government of India Grant funds cannot be utilized to support monopoly infrastructure services. The Project Authority was requested to revise the proposal. Revised proposal has not been submitted by the State Government.